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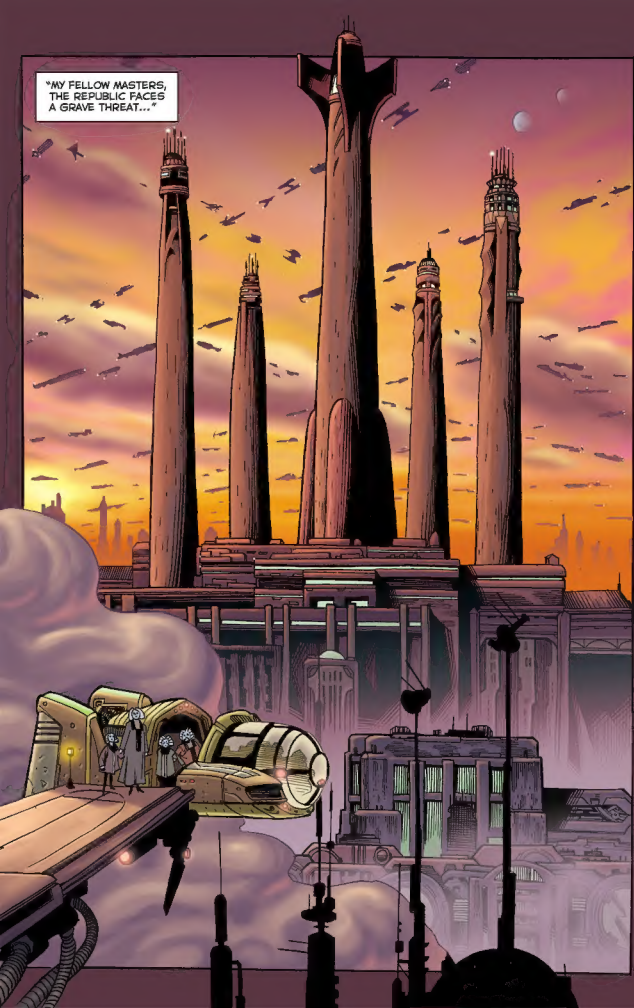
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"MY FELLOW MASTERS,
THE REPUBLIC FACES
A GRAVE THREAT..."





...AND IT FALLS TO THE JEDI COUNCIL TO AVERT IT.

OUR INFORMANTS HAVE RECEIVED INFORMATION CONCERNING GENERAL ASHAAR KHORDA, THE ANNOO-DAT RADICAL.

IF THE INFORMATION IS CORRECT, AND WE HAVE EVERY REASON TO BELIEVE IT IS, KHORDA HAS OBTAINED A MYSTERIOUS WEAPON WITH WHICH HE INTENDS TO STRIKE AGAINST THE REPUBLIC.

UNFORTUNATELY, OUR SOURCE HAS BEEN UNABLE TO PIN-POINT THE GENERAL'S EXACT TARGET.

THE BEST WE'VE BEEN ABLE TO DO IS NARROW THE LIST OF POSSIBLE TARGETS TO THREE:

ALDERAAN...

...CORELLIA...



...AND CORUSCANT.

HE LED A MILITARY COUP ON ANNOO, AND EVERYONE SUCCEEDED IN OVERTHROWING THE GOVERNMENT IF THE REPUBLIC HADN'T INTERCEDED. AND THERE WERE ACCUSATIONS OF WAR CRIMES--



YES, BUT KHORDA ESCAPED BEFORE HE COULD BE BROUGHT TO TRIAL.



NOW HE FANCIES HIMSELF A FREEDOM FIGHTER AGAINST THE REPUBLIC'S TYRANNY.

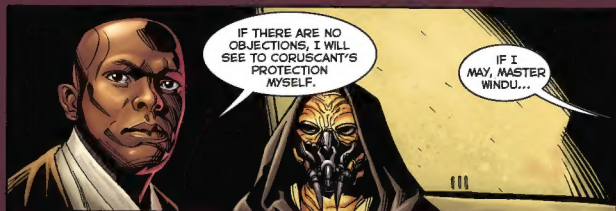


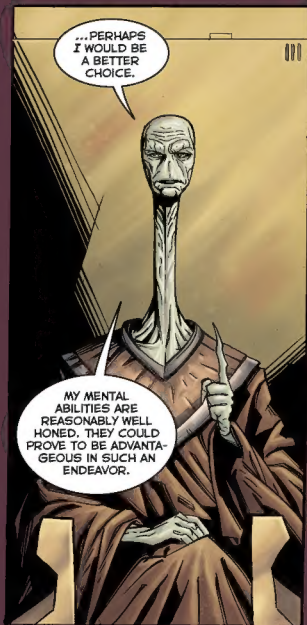
AND HE'S APPARENTLY WILLING TO TAKE INNOCENT LIVES TO PROVE HIS POINT.

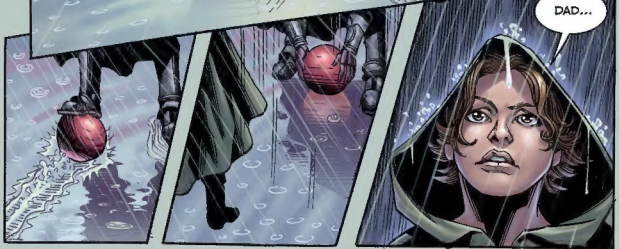
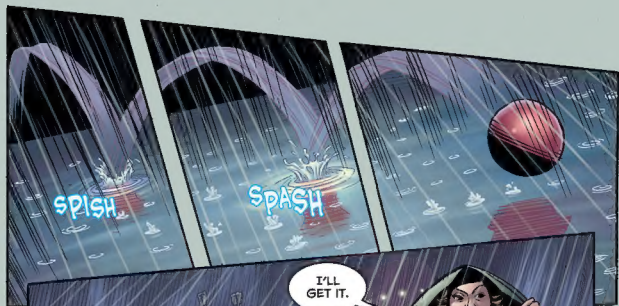
WHAT SORT OF WEAPON DOES HE POSSESS?

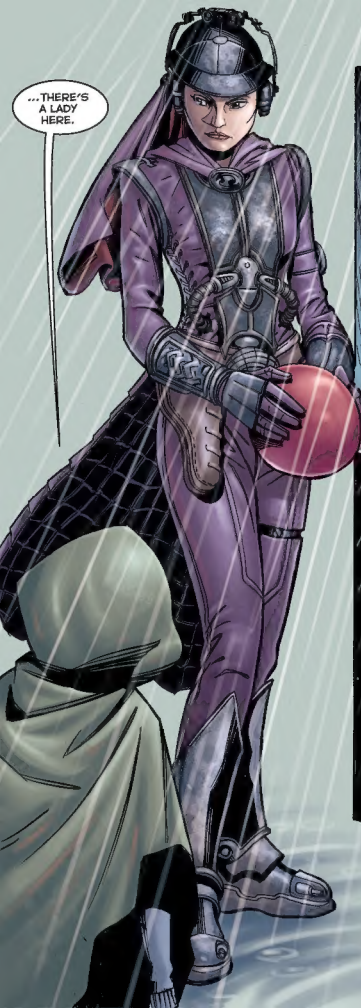


UNKNOWN TO US, EVEN THAT IS.









BOBA FETT.

MY FATHER IS--



IT'S ALL RIGHT, BOBA...



...I WAS
EXPECTING
HER.

THOUGH
I'M NOT SURE
I'D CALL HER
A LADY.



YOU
ALWAYS KNOW
THE RIGHT THING
TO SAY...

...DON'T
YOU, JANGO
FETT?



BOBA, I'D
LIKE YOU MEET
ZAM WESELL.

PLEASED
TO MAKE YOUR
ACQUAINTANCE.

LIKewise,
BOBA.



BOBA, WHY DON'T YOU GO INSIDE AND DRY OFF.

I'LL BE IN SOON.

OKAY, DAD.

IT WAS VERY NICE TO MEET YOU, ZAM WESELL.



WELL, HE'S CERTAINLY BETTER MANNERED THAN HIS FATHER.

HIS MOTHER'S INFLUENCE, I'M SURE.



HE DOESN'T HAVE A MOTHER.

Oh

I'M SORRY.

HE DOES LOOK JUST LIKE YOU.



SO YOU COULDN'T FIND A BETTER DAY TO PLAY BALL?

THIS IS A BETTER DAY ON KAMINO.

COME ON, WE SHOULD AT LEAST HAVE THE SENSE NOT TO STAND OUT IN IT.



SO?

ALWAYS RIGHT TO THE POINT. DO YOU REMEMBER THE LAST TIME WE SAW EACH OTHER?



I REMEMBER I SAVED YOUR LIFE. YOU CAME ALL THE WAY HERE TO THANK ME AGAIN?



YOU'RE NOT
REACHING FOR
SOMETHING WE'LL
BOTH REGRET,
ARE YOU?

I'VE TOLD
YOU BEFORE,
JANGO...

...YOU PUT
YOUR HANDS ON
ME, YOU'D BETTER
MEAN BUSINESS.

ONE
WAY OR THE
OTHER.



HMM.

I ASSUME
THIS WILL BE
FAMILIAR?




THAT'S THE
ARTIFACT I RETRIEVED.
PAID WELL, BUT I NEVER
MET MY EMPLOYER—
JUST THAT DAMN DUG
GO-BETWEEN.




YOU WERE
WORKING FOR
GENERAL ASHAAR
KHORDA.

THE
ANNOO-
DAT?

FROM
WHAT LITTLE I'VE
HEARD ABOUT HIM HE
DOESN'T STRIKE ME AS
A CONNOISSEUR OF
PRIMITIVE ART.



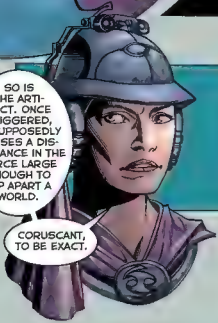
WHAT IF I TOLD
YOU IT'S A WEAPON
CAPABLE OF DESTROYING
AN ENTIRE PLANET-- AND
THAT KHRORDA'S GOING
TO USE IT?



SUPPOSING FOR
THE MOMENT THIS
IS TRUE...

IT'S
TRUE.

THE NATIVES
OF SEYLOTT, WHERE
IT CAME FROM, WERE
FORCE-SENSITIVE,
RIGHT?



SO IS
THE ARTI-
FACT. ONCE
TRIGGERED,
IT SUPPOSEDLY
CAUSES A DIS-
TURBANCE IN THE
FORCE LARGE
ENOUGH TO RIP
APART A
WORLD.

CORUSCANT,
TO BE EXACT.



YOU'RE
OBVIOUSLY NOT
HERE JUST FOR
SHOW AND TELL.
WHAT'S THE
REST?

WHO'S
PAYING AND
HOW MUCH?

NO ONE
AND NOTHING.
THIS ONE'S
FOR FREE.




WHAT? YOU
HAVE TO BE
KIDDING. I DON'T
DO CHARITY
WORK.



WE'RE BOUNTY
HUNTERS, ZAM.
NOT HEROES.

IF THIS IS TRUE,
WHY DON'T YOU TURN
IT OVER TO THE
AUTHORITIES?



BECAUSE YOU KNOW THERE'S NO ONE BETTER THAN ME. AND YOU'RE A CLOSE SECOND.



I THINK YOU'VE GOT THAT BACKWARDS.

I'M SURE YOU DO.




LOOK, JANGO, YOU PUT THE ARTIFACT IN KHORDA'S HANDS.



BUT IT COULD JUST AS EASILY HAVE BEEN ME.


I WON'T BE RESPONSIBLE FOR AN ENTIRE PLANET BEING WIPED OUT...



YOU KNOW HOW THIS WORKS, ZAM. IT'S A JOB. WE DON'T GET PERSONALLY INVOLVED.

AS FAR AS THAT GOES, THERE'S PLENTY OF BLOOD ON BOTH OUR HANDS.

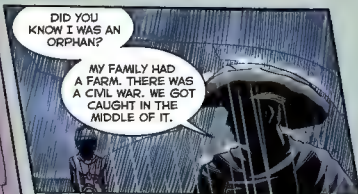
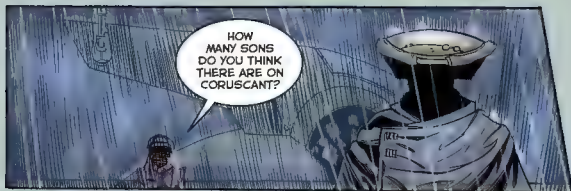
NOT LIKE THIS.



EXECUTING A MARK, SOMEONE WHO PROBABLY DESERVES IT ANYWAY, IS A LOT DIFFERENT THAN LOOKING THE OTHER WAY WHILE A WORLD DIES.

BILLIONS OF PEOPLE, JANGO.

MY SON NEEDS ME.






SO, THIS
YOUR FIRST TIME
ON CORUSCANT?
QUITE A SIGHT,
AIN'T IT?

ALL THIS UP
HERE? THIS IS THE
BRIGHT, SHINY STUFF
THEY PUT ON THE
TOURIST MAPS.

YOU COULD
EAT OFF THE
WALKWAYS
UP HERE.



DOWN LOWER,
WHERE YOU'RE
LOOKING TO GO,
YOU DON'T EVEN
WANNA WALK
ON 'EM.

I DON'T
MIND TELLING YOU,
THAT'S SOME ROUGH
TERRITORY DOWN
THERE, MISTER.



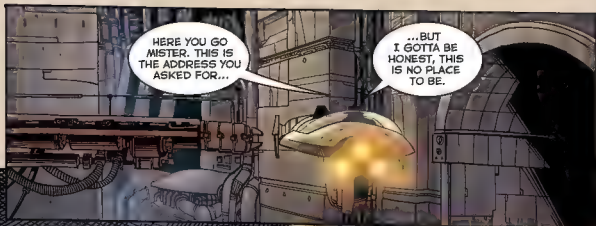
YOU
GOT YOUR
GANGS, YOUR
DISREPUTABLE
TYPES.

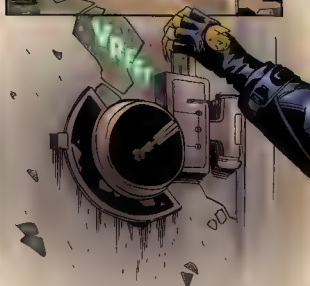
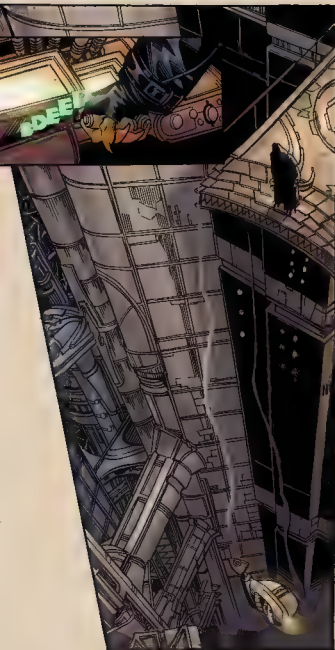
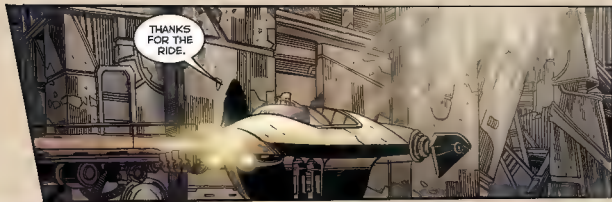
KEEP ONE HAND
ON YOUR CREDITS,
KNOW WHAT I'M
SAYING?



HEY, WATCH
WHERE YOU'RE
GOING!

DAMN
RODIANS. I
NEVER SEEN A ONE
THAT COULD
DRIVE.







AH,
YOU'RE
HERE.

ANY
PROBLEMS,
SIR?

NONE
I DIDN'T TAKE
CARE OF MYSELF,
FERNOODA.

OF COURSE.
THE OTHERS ARE
GATHERED AND WAITING
FOR YOU, GENERAL
KHORDA.

EXCELLENT.



I'M
PLEASED
TO SEE ALL
OF YOU.

YOU
HONOR ME
WITH YOUR
PRESENCE.

THE
HOUR OF
OUR TRIUMPH
IS CLOSE
AT HAND.



YOU ARE MY
CHOSEN FEW,
THE BEST OF THOSE
WHO BELIEVE IN OUR
RIGHTEOUS CAUSE.
I HAVE SELECTED
YOU FOR YOUR
SKILLS, YES...

...BUT ABOVE
ALL, BECAUSE
YOUR DEVOTION
TO THIS GLORIOUS
UNDERTAKING
IS ABSOLUTE.

TOGETHER
WE WILL FINALLY
STRIKE A DEATHBLOW
AGAINST THE CORRUPT,
BLOATED CREATURE
THAT IS THE
SO-CALLED
REPUBLIC.



I WITNESSED IT
UPON MY HOMETOWN.
I WITNESSED THIS
TYRANNICAL GOVERNMENT
IMPOSE ITS UNJUST WILL
UPON A SOVEREIGN
PLANET.

BUT I KNOW
ANNOO'S FATE
IS NOT UNIQUE.
ANNOO WAS SIMPLY
ANOTHER SYMPTOM
OF THE DISEASE
WE FIGHT.

SO WE HAVE
COME TOGETHER
TO PURSUE A FINAL
SOLUTION. IN ORDER
TO SAVE THE BODY OF
THE REPUBLIC...

...WE MUST
DESTROY
ITS INFECTED
BRAIN.

EACH OF YOU
HAS YOUR
REASONS...



...YOUR GRIEVANCES
AGAINST THESE OVERLORDS
WE MUST TOPPLE.

PERHAPS
YOU SERVED
WITH ME UPON
ANNOO...



...OR YOU
HAVE BEEN
BRANDED OUTLAWS
AND WRONGLY
PURSUED...



...OR YOU
HAVE LONG
WANTED TO PUNISH
THE REPUBLIC BUT
LACKED THE
MEANS.

WHATEVER
YOUR
MOTIVATIONS...



...YOU
HOLD IN
COMMON YOUR
WILLINGNESS
TO SACRIFICE
YOURSELF
FOR THE
CAUSE.

WE
WILL BE
SWIFT.



WE
WILL BE
DEADLY.

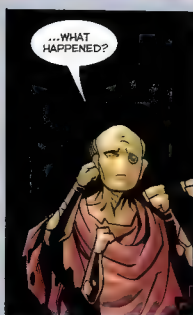
WE WILL BE
UNSTOPPABLE.

THIS SLIPPED
FROM MY GRASP
FOR A TIME. BUT
ONCE AGAIN I HOLD
THE INSTRUMENT
OF OUR
VENGEANCE...



...AND WITH IT
WE WILL REDUCE
CORUSCANT TO
DUST!





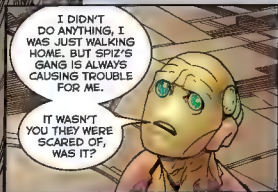


...AND A GOOD THING FOR YOU THEY DID, MY YOUNG FRIEND.

WHERE DID YOU COME FROM?

OH...

...I JUST HAPPENED TO BE HERE.



I DIDN'T DO ANYTHING, I WAS JUST WALKING HOME. BUT SPIZ'S GANG IS ALWAYS CAUSING TROUBLE FOR ME.

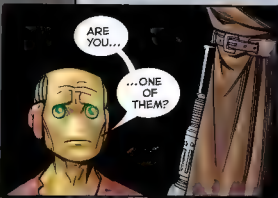
IT WASN'T YOU THEY WERE SCARED OF, WAS IT?



NOT REALLY, NO.

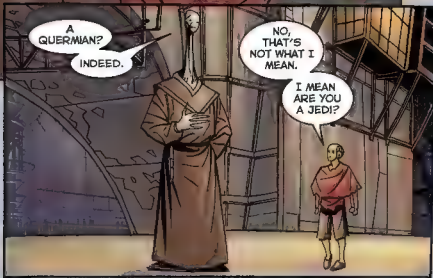
VERY OFTEN THOSE WHO ARE FEARFUL LASH OUT AT OTHERS TO MAKE THEMSELVES FEEL SAFE.

I HELPED MAKE THEIR FEARS A LITTLE MORE VISIBLE TO THEM.



ARE YOU...

...ONE OF THEM?



A QUERMIAN?

INDEED.

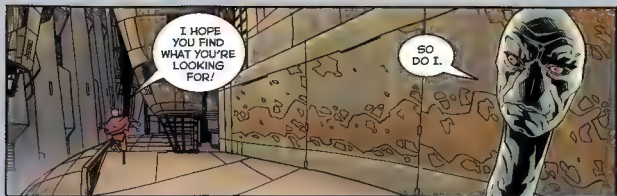
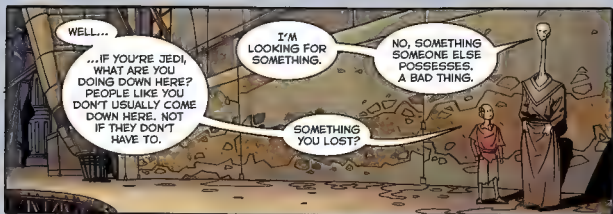
NO, THAT'S NOT WHAT I MEAN.

I MEAN ARE YOU A JEDI?

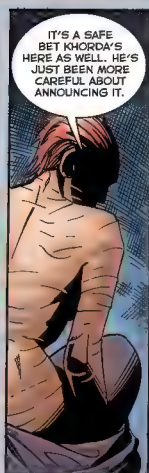
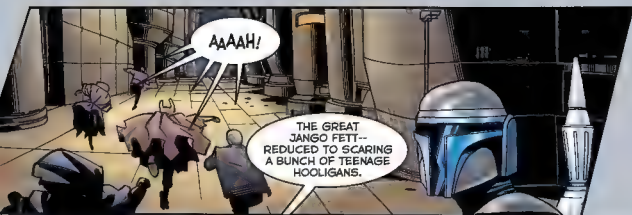


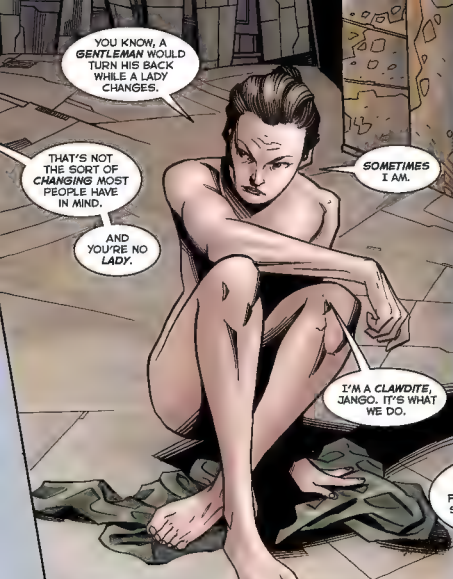
I AM YARAE POOF.

A MEMBER OF THE JEDI COUNCIL.









YOU KNOW, A GENTLEMAN WOULD TURN HIS BACK WHILE A LADY CHANGES.

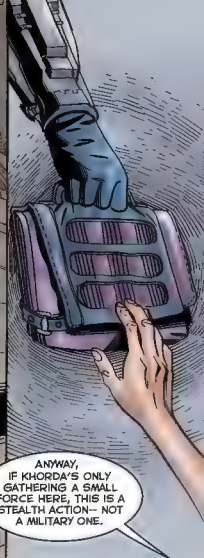
THAT'S NOT THE SORT OF CHANGING MOST PEOPLE HAVE IN MIND.

AND YOU'RE NO LADY.

SOMETIMES I AM.

I'M A CLAWDITE, JANGO. IT'S WHAT WE DO.

ANYWAY, IF KHORDA'S ONLY GATHERING A SMALL FORCE HERE, THIS IS A STEALTH ACTION-- NOT A MILITARY ONE.

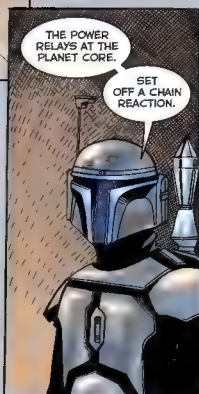


THEY'RE NOT LOOKING FOR A FIREFIGHT, SO THEY'LL WANT TO STAY OUT OF PUBLIC AREAS.

YOU KNOW CORUSCANT WELL ENOUGH, JANGO. IF YOU HAD TO PLACE AN EXPLOSIVE WHERE IT WOULD CAUSE THE MOST DAMAGE...



...WHERE WOULD YOU PUT IT?



THE POWER RELAYS AT THE PLANET CORE.

SET OFF A CHAIN REACTION.

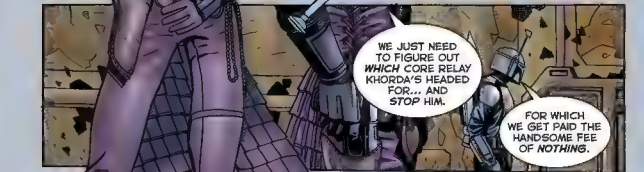


ALL RIGHT,
SO MAYBE YOU
HAVEN'T LOST
YOUR EDGE.

THAT'S
EXACTLY WHAT
I'D DO.

AND IT'S
EXACTLY WHAT
KHORDA'S GOING
TO DO.

THANKS.



WE JUST NEED
TO FIGURE OUT
WHICH CORE RELAY
KHORDA'S HEADED
FOR... AND
STOP HIM.

FOR WHICH
WE GET PAID THE
HANDSOME FEE
OF NOTHING.



THINK
OF IT AS YOUR
PUBLIC SERVICE,
JANGO.



AFTER
YOU.



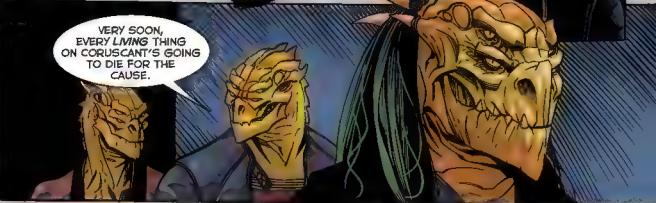
THAT'S
THE LAST GUARD
STATION BEFORE
THE RELAY...



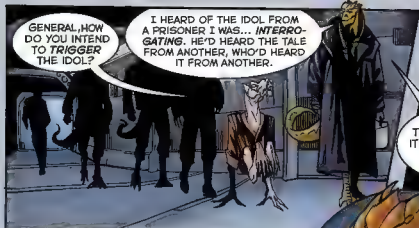
...NOT THAT
ANY GUARDS
PRESENTED
MUCH OF A
PROBLEM.



WE'RE NOT
THE ONLY ONES
DYING FOR THE
CAUSE.



VERY SOON,
EVERY LIVING THING
ON CORUSCANT'S GOING
TO DIE FOR THE
CAUSE.



GENERAL, HOW DO YOU INTEND TO **TRIGGER** THE IDOL?

I HEARD OF THE IDOL FROM A PRISONER I WAS... **INTERROGATING**. HE'D HEARD THE TALE FROM ANOTHER, WHO'D HEARD IT FROM ANOTHER.

NONE OF THEM BELIEVED IT WAS ANYTHING MORE THAN A **LEGEND**.

BUT I DISCOVERED THE IDOL WAS **REAL**. THE NATIVE SPECIES OF THE PLANET SEYLOTT CREATED IT. THEY'RE **FORCE-SENSITIVES**. THEY CALLED THE IDOL THE INFANT OF SHAA, AFTER THEIR DEITY.

WHETHER IT WAS INTENTIONAL OR NOT, THE IDOL IS A **RECEPTACLE** FOR THE **FORCE**.

ENOUGH **RAW POWER** WILL **SHATTER** IT--



--AND THE **RELEASE** OF ITS **ENERGY** WILL BE LIKE NOTHING THE **GALAXY** HAS EVER **SEEN**.

CORUSCANT'S **DESTRUCTION** WILL BE A **BEACON** VISIBLE FROM THE **CORE** WORLDS TO THE **OUTER RIM**.



WE SHOULD HAVE THE **ACCESS** **BRIDGE** **ROTATED** INTO **PLACE** IN A **MOMENT**, **GENERAL**.

THERE.

VREED

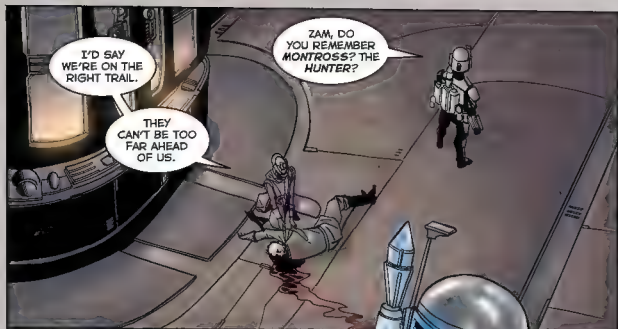


ALL OF YOU, **DRINK** IN THIS **MOMENT**.

WE HAVE **REACHED** OUR **JOURNEY'S** **END**. THIS IS THE **PRELUDE** TO OUR **GLORY**.



WE STAND
BEFORE THE BEATING
HEART OF CORUSCANT,
AND SOON WE WILL
STILL IT FOREVER.



I'D SAY
WE'RE ON THE
RIGHT TRAIL.

THEY
CAN'T BE TOO
FAR AHEAD
OF US.

ZAM, DO
YOU REMEMBER
MONTROSS? THE
HUNTER?

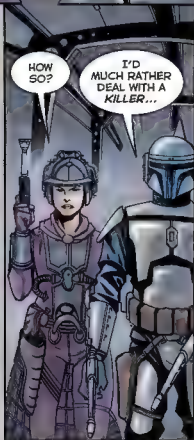
EVERYONE
REMEMBERS
MONTROSS.

WHAT'S
YOUR POINT,
JANGO?

MONTROSS
WAS THE TOUGHEST
OPPONENT I'VE EVER
FACED...



...BUT I THINK
I'D PREFER TO
BE GOING AFTER
HIM AGAIN.



HOW
SO?

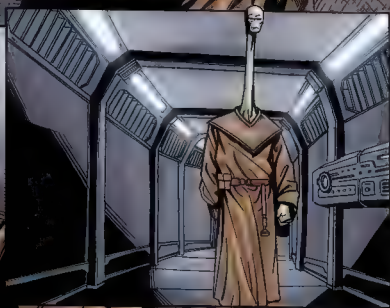
I'D
MUCH RATHER
DEAL WITH A
KILLER...



...THAN A
MADMAN.

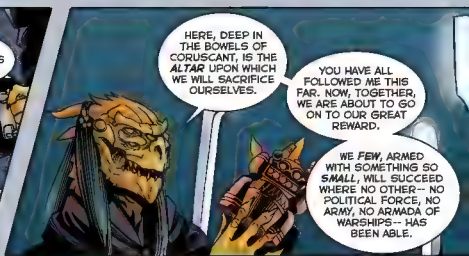


I HAVE
THEM.





OUR
TIME HAS
COME.



HERE, DEEP IN
THE BOWELS OF
CORUSCANT, IS THE
ALTAR UPON WHICH
WE WILL SACRIFICE
OURSELVES.

YOU HAVE ALL
FOLLOWED ME THIS
FAR. NOW, TOGETHER,
WE ARE ABOUT TO GO
ON TO OUR GREAT
REWARD.

WE FEW, ARMED
WITH SOMETHING SO
SMALL, WILL SUCCEED
WHERE NO OTHER-- NO
POLITICAL FORCE, NO
ARMY, NO ARMADA OF
WARSHIPS-- HAS
BEEN ABLE.



WE WILL
SLAY THE
REPUBLIC!

GENERAL...

...WE'RE
NOT
ALONE.

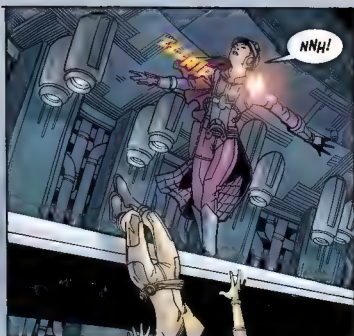
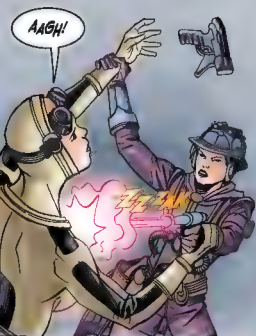


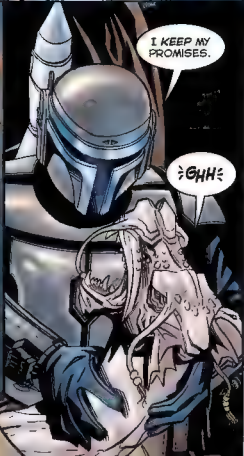


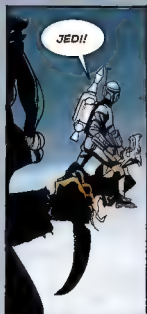
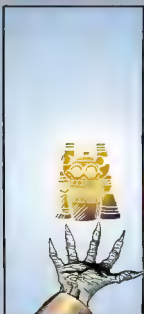
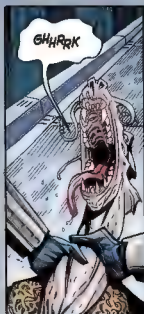






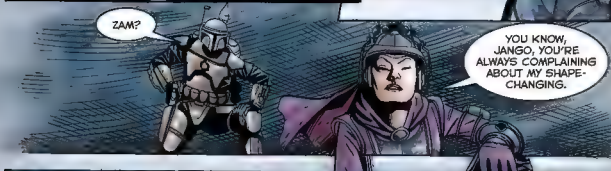














...IF YOU
BRING THE IDOL
TO ME.

DO
WE TRUST A
JEDI?

IF WE
HAVE ANOTHER
OPTION I HAVEN'T
HEARD IT.

WHAT
CAN YOU DO?
ESPECIALLY IN
YOUR STATE?

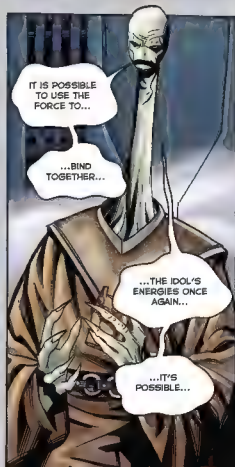


I AM
YARAEI POOF...
OF THE JEDI
COUNCIL.

I AM ADEPT
IN THE WAYS OF
THE FORCE, AND
THE IDOL...

...THE IDOL IS
A VESSEL FOR
THE FORCE.

MEANING
WHAT? ARE YOU
SAYING YOU CAN
DEFUSE IT?

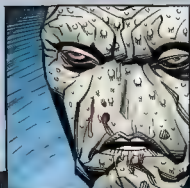
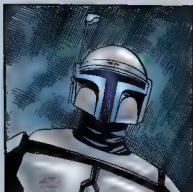
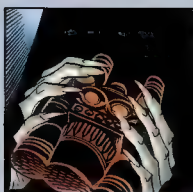
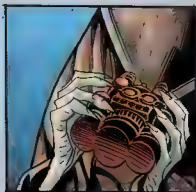


IT IS POSSIBLE
TO USE THE
FORCE TO...

...BIND
TOGETHER...

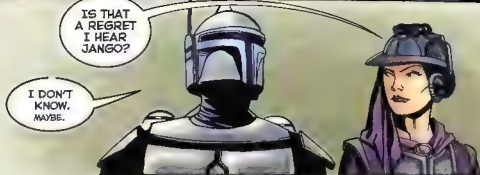
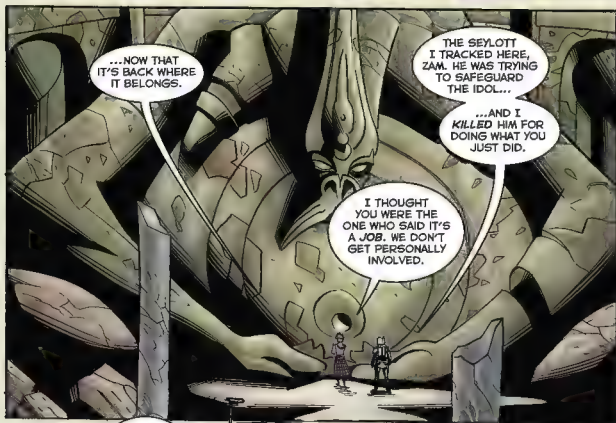
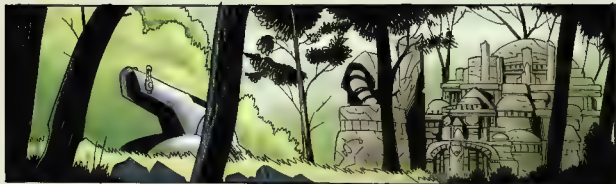
...THE IDOL'S
ENERGIES ONCE
AGAIN...

...IT'S
POSSIBLE...



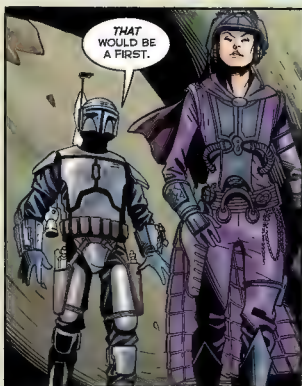
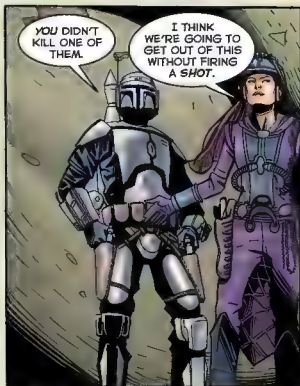
HE SAVED
CORUSCANT.

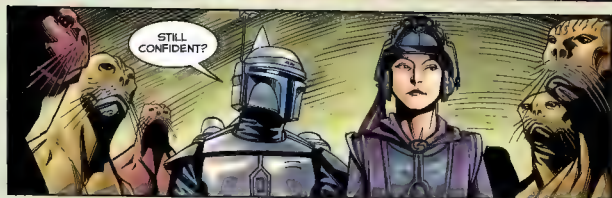
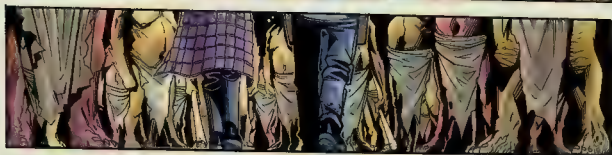
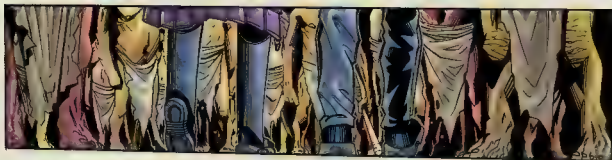
AT THE
PRICE OF HIS
OWN LIFE.





EASY...
IF THEY WERE
GOING TO ATTACK US,
THEY'D HAVE DONE
IT ALREADY.







You have
brought back
that which is
ours

The infant
has returned to
the mother's womb.
where it will remain
where it will
be safe

We
thank
you

WE ONLY DID
WHAT WAS RIGHT.
THE INFANT NEVER
SHOULD HAVE BEEN
TAKEN AWAY.

WE'RE
SORRY FOR ANY
GRIEF YOU HAVE
SUFFERED.



We are not
unaccustomed
to grief. We are
a dying people

soon
we will be
gone



...but now
our sacrifices
can die with
us



Go in
peace..

but
do not
return

"SO
TELL ME,
JANGO..."

...HOW DOES IT
FEEL TO HAVE DONE
SOMETHING FOR THE RIGHT
REASON, RATHER THAN JUST
THE PROFITABLE ONE.

LIKE I'D
BETTER GO FIND
SOME PAYING
WORK.

PLEASE. THERE'S A
PART OF YOU THAT'S
NOT HALF SO COLD
AS YOU'D HAVE
PEOPLE BELIEVE.

I KNOW
THERE'S A
MAN UNDER
THE MASK.

BUT,
IF YOU DON'T
WANT TO WALK AWAY
FROM THIS EMPTY-
HANDED...

THERE.



TAKE CARE
OF YOURSELF,
JANGO...

...UNTIL
NEXT TIME.

ZAM...



DADDY!

YOU'RE
HOME!



AND
VERY GLAD TO
BE HERE.

MISS
ME?

ALWAYS!



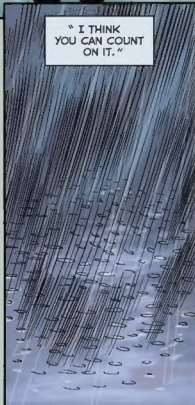
"I THOUGHT I
SAW YOU WITH THAT
LADY AGAIN. IS SHE A
FRIEND OF YOURS?"

"TO TELL
YOU THE TRUTH,
BOBA..."



"...I'M
STILL NOT
SURE."

"WILL YOU
EVER SEE HER
AGAIN?"



"I THINK
YOU CAN COUNT
ON IT."



HE WAS AMONG THE BEST OF US...

...AND WE ARE ALL DIMINISHED BY HIS LOSS.

MASTER YARAE POOF WAS THE EPIHOME OF WHAT ALL JEDI STRIVE TO BE SO WE GATHER HERE WITHIN THE TEMPLE TO MOURN HIS PASSING, BUT MORE THAN THAT, TO HONOR HIS LIFE.

MASTER POOF SACRIFICED HIMSELF NOT ONLY TO PRESERVE BILLIONS OF LIVES...

...BUT SO THAT THE REPUBLIC ITSELF WOULD LIVE ON.

I CAN THINK OF NO MORE FITTING TRIBUTE THAN THIS:

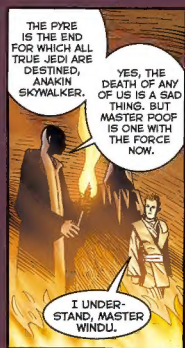


HE GLADLY GAVE HIS LIFE FOR A CAUSE HE BELIEVED IN.



I'VE SEEN TOO MANY OF THESE, MASTER.

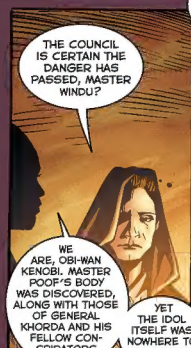
IS THIS WHAT AWAITS ME?



THE PYRE IS THE END FOR WHICH ALL TRUE JEDI ARE DESTINED, ANAKIN SKYWALKER.

YES, THE DEATH OF ANY OF US IS A SAD THING, BUT MASTER POOF IS ONE WITH THE FORCE NOW.

I UNDERSTAND, MASTER WINDU.



THE COUNCIL IS CERTAIN THE DANGER HAS PASSED, MASTER WINDU?

WE ARE, OBI-WAN KENOBI. MASTER POOF'S BODY WAS DISCOVERED, ALONG WITH THOSE OF GENERAL KHORDA AND HIS FELLOW CONSPIRATORS.

YET THE IDOL ITSELF WAS NOWHERE TO BE FOUND.



OUR MOST POWERFUL SENSITIVES CONDUCTED A FAR-RANGING SEARCH, BUT THERE WAS NO TRACE OF EVEN THE RIPPLES IN THE FORCE CAUSED BY THE IDOL.


CURIOUSLY, KHORDA AND SOME OF HIS MEN HAD SUFFERED BLASTER WOUNDS, NOT MASTER POOF'S WORK, CERTAINLY.

IT SEEMS APPARENT MASTER POOF TRULY DID SAVE ALL OF CORUSCANT BY PREVENTING THE IDOL'S DETONATION...



BUT SOMEONE ELSE OBVIOUSLY CARRIED IT AWAY TO A PLACE WHERE IT POSES NO THREAT.

WE HAVE NO IDEA OF WHO THAT MIGHT BE...



"...BUT HEROES
DO SOMETIMES COME
IN THE MOST UNEXPECTED
OF GUISES."

END.